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REPORT RICH FIND OF GOLD NEAR YUMA

PROSPECTORS BRING STORY OF RICH GOLD DISCOVERY NEAR OLD KING OF ARIZONA MINE; REPORT UNCOVERING LARGE VEIN CARRYING ENORMOUS VALUES IN FREE GOLD; MANY PEOPLE LEAVE FOR SCENE OF REPORTED FIND.

YUMA, Ariz., Feb. 3. — Bringing with them a report of a gold strike in a small range of hills southeast of the King range and about 15 miles from the old King of Arizona mine, two unknown prospectors were in Yuma Wednesday for a short time, purchasing supplies.

According to their story, Henry Beecher, well known in this section for a number of years, has uncovered a vein at a depth of 33 feet which carries enormous values in free gold.

While several people talked with the two prospectors, no one asked their names and after purchasing a few supplies, the two men dashed out of town on their return trip to the scene of the discovery, which, according to Attorney W. F. Timmons, is probably 75 miles northeast of Yuma.

Beecher, the two men told Charlie Sam at the Stag Cafe, found a piece of float running high in gold values, and traced it to a point some distance away. Sinking at this spot, the prospectors said, Beecher found a vein of ore which should be worth thousands of dollars per ton.

Charlie Springer, owner of a feed corral at Third street and First avenue, talked with the two men and was so impressed with their enthusiasm that he and Mr. Timmons are planning on leaving today for the scene of the reported strike.

Mr. Timmons said last night that from the men's description of the location he believes the Beecher prospect to be in a short range of mountains, almost due east of the south end of the Castle Dome range, made famous locally as the stamping ground of C. T. Powell, prominent in this section for a number of years, who is now residing at Bouse.

Beecher, the man to whom the discovery is credited, worked until recently as a tool dresser at the mesa quarry of the Reclamation Service and for a number of years has made his headquarters at Palomitas, on the Gila river.

SURETIES PAY \$5000 TO CITY FOR PINYAN SHORTAGE; WORK ON STREET LIGHTS TO START

GLOBE, Feb. 3.—The American Surety company paid over to the city at last night's council meeting, its check for \$5000, for which it had been surety for Robert L. Pinyan, former chief of police. Pinyan's total shortage in his accounts with the city was stated as \$7665.56. The surety company took an assignment of the city's claim against the former city official.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS

PHOENIX, Feb. 4.—Personal letters inviting them to become charter members of the Arizona Industrial Congress will be sent to representative men of every community in the state during the next ten days in the Congress' first membership campaign. The drive will close in March, when a special bulletin will be issued giving a complete list of members.

Council Request Citizens to Attend Meeting Tuesday

The City Council meets Tuesday, Feb. 7th, at 7:30 p. m. in the City Hall, in regular monthly session, at which meeting the matter of the petition filed with the state corporation commission by the Huachuca Water company, asking a new tariff governing water service to the fire plugs in the city will be discussed and plans laid by the City Council to protest the petition.

Under the provisions of the petition filed with the commission by the water company, a rate of \$5 per month for each fire plug in the city 39 in number, will be charged. At this rate the city will be charged \$2340 per year by the water company for supplying water to the fire hydrants, which are the property of the city.

It is the desire of the City Council that the citizens and taxpayers attend the meeting Tuesday night.

A vigorous fight against the request for the above rate, made by the company, will be made by the City Dads, it is understood.

COLORED TROOPER IS FOUND GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 3. — Robert Mangum, negro soldier, formerly stationed at Fort Huachuca, in the United States district court late today, was found guilty of an assault on a white woman with intent to commit a statutory crime. The jury was out about 30 minutes.

Mangum will be sentenced Monday morning by Judge William H. Sawtelle. In his instructions to the jury, the court stated that the penalty for the offense charged was not more than 20 years imprisonment.

100 MILLION FEDERAL ROAD APPROPRIATION GOAL OF CONVENTION

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 3.—A federal appropriation of \$100,000,000 annually for the next five years for roads in the United States will be the goal of the joint convention here of the United States Good Roads and the Bankhead National Highway Associations, according to J. A. Rountree, director general of these organizations, who arrived in Phoenix today. He opened headquarters here and began making preparations for the convention, which is to be held April 24-25.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, Secretary of the Interior Fall, and United States Senator Charles E. Townsend will be among the speakers at the convention, Rountree announced.

MANY MEXICANS SEEK WORK HERE SINCE THE PASSPORTS WERE LIFTED

DOUGLAS, Feb. 4.—Frank W. Heath, inspector in charge of the immigration service, said yesterday that work at the office had doubled on account of people gathering from all parts of Mexico into Agua Prieta and coming from there, when not excluded, to Douglas.

These people have heard of the opening of the smelters and seem to believe there is more employment than labor supply. Mr. Heath said 16 of the applicants were inadmissible under the United States laws.

No Mob Action At Benson As Reported

News items appearing in many papers about the state regarding the searching of the premises of W. J. Bennett, former deputy sheriff of Benson, by a gathering of citizens of Benson, are false and unfounded, according to word received by the Daily Prospector from residents of that town.

The story was sent out by the Associated Press and carried a Tombstone date line, which left the impression among some people that the Daily Prospector was responsible for the circulation of the false reports.

The account of the reported searching of the premises carried in this paper was based on authentic information, and was in no way similar in character to the Associated Press report which carried the Tombstone date line, and gave the impression that the citizens of Benson, "with one of their number sworn in as an officer by a justice of the peace, searched the garage," etc. etc.

From reports received here there was no mob action whatever connected with the searching, and it was not done by citizens, under the leadership of one of their number.

The search was made by J. P. Jones who at the time held a deputy sheriff commission, and was not participated in by a number of Benson citizens, those witnessing the search being merely a number of people who happened to be on the street in the vicinity of the place when the search was made, according to the information reaching here today.

FORMER DOUGLAS RESIDENT IN BIG THEATER DISASTER

DOUGLAS, Feb. 4.—Stephen Lee, of Washington, D. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Lee, formerly of this city, when Mr. Lee was superintendent of the Copper Queen smelter, was in the Knickerbocker theater in Washington which collapsed a few days ago. He was only slightly injured in the panic that ensued.

The news had been circulated that he was in the theater and had been seriously hurt.

FORMER GOVERNOR HUNT IN WASHINGTON; HOME IN TEN DAYS

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 2.—The return to Arizona of former Governor George W. P. Hunt, until recently United States minister to Siam, has been delayed about two weeks.

Hunt had been expected in Phoenix late this week, but a telegram today from Senator F. J. C. McBride, of the corporation commission, stated that the former governor's presence in Washington will be required at least 10 days in connection with department of state matters.

On his arrival yesterday in Washington, Hunt conferred with Senator Ashurst and Congressman Cary Hayden, the message said. The telegram added that the exact date of his arrival in Phoenix still is uncertain.

Meanwhile, preparations are going forward to extend a rousing welcome to the state's former chief executive. Committees have been named to meet him at the train and Democrats are planning an reception and banquet in his honor, in addition to an event being arranged by the Phoenix chamber of commerce.

Believe Narcotic King Arrested In Phoenix Raid

PHOENIX, Feb. 4.—By arresting J. Morgan late yesterday afternoon, Narcotic inspector F. B. Barnes is of the opinion that he has taken into custody a ring leader of illicit drug dealers and one who is probably connected with smugglers who are bringing cocaine and morphine out of Mexico in large quantities.

When arrested Morgan had on his person approximately \$3,000 worth of high grade cocaine, estimated at the retailing price of one dollar a grain. In several envelopes which he carried in an inside pocket of his coat Morgan had 3,825 grains of powdered crystal cocaine of the best grade procurable, according to Barnes.

The federal officer filed a formal complaint against his prisoner and lodged him in the county jail to await a preliminary hearing before the United States commissioner.

The arrest was made near the corner of Sixth and Jackson streets yesterday afternoon immediately after a transaction had been witnessed by Barnes between Morgan and another man who was also searched and gave up an ounce of cocaine.

McCREARY JURY FAILS TO AGREE, DISCHARGED

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 3.—Failing to agree after almost 20 hours' deliberation, a jury in the trial of Albert M. McCreary, charged with the murder of J. M. Dunn, was discharged today by Superior Judge Jencks. The foreman reported that the jurors stood hopelessly deadlocked, 6 to 6.

STREET CAR IS ROBBED OF \$28

BY LONE BANDIT
TUCSON, Feb. 4.—Roy K. Miller, a motorman in charge of a south side street car, was held up by an unidentified man who boarded his car at South Fourth avenue and Seventeenth street, shortly after 11 o'clock last night.

The robber got \$20 of the company's money and \$8 of Miller's personal funds, as well as the motorman's changer, pocketbook and pocket knife.

FAVOR THROUGH ROADS SYSTEM THRU ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 3.—The state administration is firmly in favor of a through highway system in Arizona and plans to apply state and federal funds and federal aid to such a project, it was made clear today at a conference in Governor Campbell's office of representatives of federal state and county governments.

The through seven per cent skeleton system was advocated, the state taking the position that if it were to assume the burden in roadbuilding, it would be unqualifiedly in favor of the through system of roads. It takes the stand the through system should be completed first and the balance of funds should be devoted to local projects.

Dr. L. I. Hewes, deputy chief of the bureau of public roads, was present. The purpose of the conference was to determine what shall be done with Arizona's share of the forest road fund, but no decision was reached because of the fact that the secretary of agriculture has not yet interpreted the law as to the use of these funds.

Judge Sames Will Speak at Lincoln Service, Douglas

DOUGLAS, Feb. 4.—Judge Albert M. Sames will speak at the Presbyterian church Sunday night, February 12, which will be in the nature of a Lincoln's birthday anniversary. Special music will feature the service.

Judge Sames is one of the most able speakers in the southwest, being particularly well posted on history and the lives of great statesmen. His resume of the nation's history from the time of the revolution until the great world war, which he delivered at the constitutional day celebration last year, was one of the greatest orations heard in Douglas in many years.

GETS STATE JOB

PHOENIX, Feb. 3.—E. R. Byers, of Florence, former deputy county recorder of Pinal county today was appointed secretary to the state real estate department to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Clarence Woodbury.

REPORT CALIFORNIA MAN LEASING OIL LAND NEAR HUACHUCAS

DOUGLAS, Feb. 4.—A mild oil boom has been started in the valleys in and near the Huachuca mountains, according to James Gearheart, who came to Douglas yesterday from that vicinity. Gearheart is a Los Angeles oil driller and visited that section of the county at the request of a California company which has taken up a few hundred acres under lease. While there has been no well sunk yet, every indication points toward oil in that vicinity, Gearheart said.

It is believed that the same group of oil men as attempted to get acreage in the Sulphur Springs valley is now operating in the Huachuca district after they failed to get sufficient land here.

BISBEE LAWYER VISITS WASHINGTON; PRAISES WORK HENRY ASHURST

BISBEE, Feb. 4.—John Wilson Ross, Bisbee attorney, returned last evening from Washington, D. C., where he had business before the Secretary of the Interior. While in Washington Ross was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. Senator Henry F. Ashurst moved the admission of Ross.

Ross was on the train pulling out of the Union Depot at Washington about the hour of the caving in of the roof of the Knickerbocker Theater building. At the time of the catastrophe at the Knickerbocker theater, the snow in the streets of the city was about three feet deep.

Henry F. Ashurst is very active, energetic and has a high standing as a senator, according to the observations made by Ross.

THREE DAY FESTIVAL PLANNED IN NOGALES

NOGALES, Ariz., Feb. 2.—A three day Mardi Gras on the border, to begin February 26, is being arranged by various civic organizations of Nogales, Ariz., and Nogales, Sonora.

A fancy dress ball in the Sonora city is to open the affair, followed by parades and other events. It is planned to run excursions here from Mexico and an attempt will be made to obtain railroad rates for persons attending from Phoenix, Tucson and other points.

START WORK ON FAIRBANK ROAD TUESDAY

STATE ENGINEER ADVISES FAIRBANK-SANTA CRUZ PROJECT FINALLY APPROVED AND DIVISION ENGINEER MOVING CAMP TODAY; ESTABLISH 2 CAMPS AND START THROWING DIRT TUESDAY; OTHER ROAD MATTERS OF INTEREST.

(By A. H. GARDNER)

About the best announcement that has come to Cochise county on road work for some time was received here this afternoon when State Engineer Thomas Maddock advised that the Fairbank west job had been approved and that Engineer Al Jenkins was breaking camp immediately to move into Cochise county.

Telephone advices received later from Mr. Jenkins from Patagonia, were to the effect that he was breaking camp and loading all equipment today ready to move tomorrow, and will begin throwing dirt Tuesday. One camp is to be located near Harkey's ranch, just across the big wash, and the other camp will be located a mile west of Fairbank. A third camp, for equipment, stock and other material for use at either end, will be maintained at Gordon's ranch, about half way between the two camps.

Grading will start simultaneously at both ends, with two caterpillar tractors doing the heavy work.

The news that work will be started will bring joy to both Santa Cruz and Cochise county road advocates. Details of this piece of work will appear at a later date in another article.

The cost of highway building has been discussed pro and con in Arizona and it may not come amiss to say that the average cost per mile of the different grades of roads built during the past four years throughout the country with Federal Aid has been as follows: Graded and drained road \$8,115.00; sand clay, \$8,250.00; gravel, \$10,400.00; macadam (water bound) \$17,320.00; macadam (bituminous) \$31,300.00; bituminous concrete \$20,350.00; concrete \$39,540.00 and brick \$49,570.00. With the foregoing figures our road cost sharks may once again go to "figgering."

Once more referring to the late good roads convention at Nogales, perhaps a repetition of a statement made at Phoenix the other day will be refreshing. Readers of road matters by this time know that Mr. Wheeler is district engineer for the Federal Bureau of Good Roads. His statement follows:

The seven per cent system has bearing on seven per cent of the total mileage of roads within the state at the time of the passage of the federal aid highway act. Since the legal mileage in the state of Arizona was at that time 20,400 miles, the seven per cent system consists of 1,428 miles. Upon this mileage all federal aid now available or to become available must be expended. No addition to this mileage may be made until the same shall have been completed.

As much as we wish the Ajo road made a part of the state highway system and to receive Federal Aid, how are we of the south to accomplish it? Then again is it not possible that the Bureau of Public Roads thinks that we should go, as I stated last week, to Casa Grande and then

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